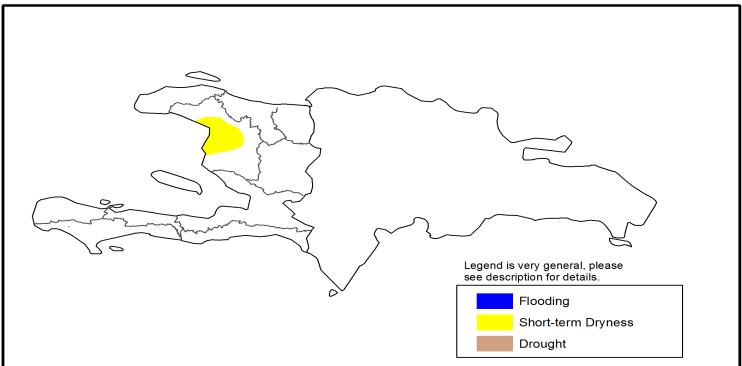






Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET November 17 – November 23, 2011

Drier than average conditions are expected to continue over Haiti during the next observation period.



Much of Haiti received seasonably light (< 10 mm) rainfall during the past week. The heaviest (10 - 20 mm) rainfall was recorded over the Ouest and Sud-Est departments of the country. Although rainfall is expected to subside during this time of the year, rainfall has been consistently below-average during the past thirty days. Moisture deficits have exceeded 100 mm or less than 25 percent of the long-term average over local areas of the northern half and southern Peninsula of the country. Regions of the Gonaives have been the most affected by the dryness. However, field reports have indicated that river water is adequate to sustain irrigation. For the next observation period, forecasts suggest another week of suppressed rainfall. While the northern and southern departments are expected to receive light (< 10 mm) rainfall, the L'Artibonite and Centre departments of Haiti are forecast to receive no rainfall during the next week. This continued lack of rainfall could further deplete moisture availability and negatively affect crops in the region.